

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 1, 18, 20 and 26 were amended to clarify aspects of the claimed embodiments. No new matter was added. Claims 3 and 15 were canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-2, 4-14 and 16-31 remain pending in this application.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include certain a reference numeral mentioned in the specification and another reference numeral is present in the drawings but is not mentioned in the specification. Specifically, the specification refers to interface 60 which is not in listed in any figure and figure 4 includes element 326 which is not mentioned in the specification. By way of the preceding specification amendment, Applicant has removed reference sign 60 from the specification and added a reference numeral 326. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the drawing objections.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-8, 11, 14, 16-19 and 21-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cisco Corporation's white paper entitled "Netflow Services and Applications" (Netflow). Applicant respectfully traverses for the following reasons.

Netflow apparently discloses a suite of products for monitoring and managing network traffic.

The Examiner indicated that the subject matter of dependent claims 15 and 20 would be allowed if re-written into independent form. In response to the present rejections, Applicant has folded the subject matter of claims 3 and 15 into independent claim 1 and part of the subject matter of dependent claim 20 into independent claim 18 which pertains to displaying a predefined set of selectable bandwidth control categories.

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Regarding independent claim 26, a similar limitation was also introduced to this claim. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-8, 11, 14, 16-19 and 21-31 are all in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-8, 11, 14, 16-19 and 21-31 is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 9 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Netflow in view of NetFlow Analyzer chapter 3 (Flow Analyzer). Claims 10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over NetFlow in view of MacGregor (U.S. Patent No. 5,396,621). Applicant respectfully traverses for the following reasons.

NetFlow was previously summarized. Flow Analyzer apparently discloses a network analysis tool that can be used to display network traffic information.

MacGregor apparently discloses an apparatus and method for sorting of information in a computerized spreadsheet or the like. The apparatus provides for display of a graphical indication in the form of an icon indicative of the sort type, either by rows or by columns, which the data will be sorted in when a sort operation is performed.

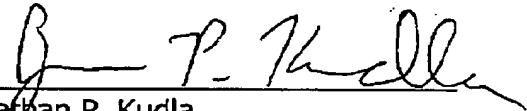
Since dependent claims 9-10 and 12-13 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons as set forth in the previous section. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 9-10 and 12-13 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The amendment was made to expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of the amended claims and reserves the right to re-introduce them and claims of an equivalent scope in a continuation application.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

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